

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a design support system which can refer to figure element data contained in another design file, when an element ID of figure
5 element data targeted for reference is changed or lost, CPU
retrieves a name allotted to the figure element data by a designer,
the figure element data itself, one to which work instruction data
matches or one having a high degree of similarity to specify figure
element data targeted for reference in order to provide a design
10 support system which can easily specify a subject to be referenced,
improve a designing efficiency and enhance a benefit and
convenience.